

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 5-11 are pending in this application, with claim 1 being independent. Claims 1, 3, and 4 have been canceled, and claims 2 and 5-9 have been amended. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the present amendments. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims as currently amended are patentable over the cited prior art.

Specification Objections

The title of the application was objected for allegedly not being descriptive. The title of the application has been amended to overcome this objection.

Allowable Subject Matter

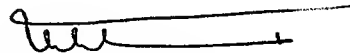
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 2 and 5-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In reliance on this indication, Applicants have amended claim 2 to place it in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claim 2 at this time. The remaining claims 5-11 are dependent from allowable claim 2 and, therefore, are allowable for at least the same reasons presented above with respect to claim 2. Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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